

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Ping CHEN et al.

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For: MULTI-METAL-NITROGEN COMPOUNDS  
FOR USE IN HYDROGEN STORAGE  
MATERIALS

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Examiner: F. M. Lawrence, Jr.

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT  
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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated February 24, 2009 (Paper No. 20090209), for which a response was due on May 24, 2009. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to August 24, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.